

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 10/26/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Parking Restrictions for Large Commercial, Recreational and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles

The parking restrictions for large commercial, recreational and passenger-carrying vehicles in certain designated areas of the County (Section 15-48, York County Code) have been in effect for several years and they appear to be providing the intended benefits to residents of these areas. As you may recall, the list of areas subject to the restrictions was last amended on September 2, 2003 and at that time the Board generally agreed to a one-year cycle for considering the addition of other areas. Also of significance since last year's action was the approval by the General Assembly of a State Code amendment giving the County the authority to establish the parking restrictions without need for action by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

In accordance with the Board's direction, the staff recently published a press release inviting additional neighborhoods desiring coverage by the restrictions to submit their requests for consideration. The additional areas that have requested inclusion of their public streets in the commercial vehicle parking restrictions are:

- Wood Towne Quarters Homeowners Association (via April 23, 2004 letter from HOA President)
- Meadowlake Farms HOA (Heatherlea) (via letter email dated August 25, 2004 from HOA President)
- The Greenlands HOA (via email dated August 27 from HOA President)
- Lakeside Forest HOA (via email dated August 26, 2004 from HOA President)
- Wythe Creek Farms HOA (via email dated August 27, 2004 from HOA President)
- Coventry HOA (via letter dated August 26, 2004 from HOA President)

I believe that these subdivisions are appropriate candidates for inclusion in the list of areas subject to the large vehicle parking restrictions. The streets within each are clearly residential in character and are not suited for large vehicle parking. The density of development, lot width, and street frontage characteristics are such that large vehicle parking along the public streets could create safety hazards and negatively impact the character of the neighborhoods. It is important to note that these restrictions apply only to public streets that have been accepted into the VDOT Secondary System. They will not address parking on privately maintained streets that are subject to control by property owners associations (as would be the case with some of the streets/drives in Coventry, Meadowlake Farms and Wood Towne Quarters). Neither do the restrictions apply to private property, although there are already provisions in place in the Zoning Ordinance accessory use regulations that describe the locations where recreational vehicles can be

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parked on residential lots (*only on driveways in front; in side or rear yards if not on driveway*).

Given that the requests have been made by and on behalf of the homeowners associations of each, I recommend that the Board approve proposed Ordinance No. 04-24 to establish the parking restrictions in these six neighborhoods. The proposed ordinance also includes the deletion of several paragraphs that referred to the Commonwealth Transportation Board approval process, which is no longer required.

I recommend adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 04-24.

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Attachments: Requests from Neighborhoods
 Proposed Ordinance No. 04-24

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